



# Economic Development Committee

215 S. East Street

Carlinville, IL 62626

<http://www.macoupincountyil.gov/>

## Regular Meeting

### ~ Minutes ~

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Wednesday, December 7, 2022

6:15 PM

County Board Room

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Starr, Klausung, Duncan

ABSENT: Armour, Dragovich, Payne, Siegel, Vojas

#### II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Becoming Government Sponsor for Macoupin Trails Bike Trail Project Connecting Nilwood to Sangamon

Starr said there was not a quorum, so not official action could be taken, but the information could be shared.

Jenny Neff has been with the group working on trying to set up the bike trail in Virden connecting to Sangamon County bike trail. UKA North America had reached out to her group about potentially offering funds to help complete the trail in exchange for putting in a 138kV transmission line along the trail. The original goal of the trail was to be about 7.5 miles from County Club Rd in Virden to near Oak Hills Country Club in Girard. UKA will be willing to pay for 3.53 miles in Macoupin County, from the county line to Finney Rd. This would be a 10 foot wide trail base and 2 inch gravel shoulder on either side. The construction would begin in 2025 and would be completed in 2027. The group would only be in charge of the liability insurance and maintenance. The reason they were coming to the county was to figure out if the county would be the sponsor of this after the construction is completed in 2027. It was decided to further discuss the issue at the January committee meeting.